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but the prospects are good that the disease will soon entirely disappear, and that the very rigorous and oppressive quarantine enforced against Barbados by near-by ports will be taken off.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRAZIL.

Mortality statistics of Bahia.

Consul Furniss reports, January 5 and January 12, as follows: For the week ended January 3, 1903, there were reported 75 deaths in the city of Bahia: Aneurism, 2; arterio-sclerosis, 4; beriberi, 2; bronchitis, 2; cancer, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 3; diarrhea, 1; eclampsia, 2; enteritis, 2; malarial fevers, 3; gastritis, 3; hepatitis, 2; senile debility, 1; stillborn, 5; pneumonia, 2; tetanus, 4; tuberculosis, 10; diseases of circulatory system, 3; other causes, 24.

For the week ended January 10, 1903, there were reported 70 burials in the cemeteries of Bahia City, as follows: Arterio-sclerosis, 2; beriberi, 3; bronchitis, 3; diarrhea, 1; eclampsia, 2; enteritis, 2; malarial fevers, 3; gastritis, 5; hepatitis, 4; meningitis, 2; senile debility, 1; nephritis, 2; stillborn, 7; pneumonia, 2; tetanus, infantile, 2; tuberculosis, 9; other causes, 20.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.

Assistant Surgeon Billings reports for the week ended January 24, 1903, as follows: Immigrants inspected, 263; passed, 243; detained, 20.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Inspection of vessels—Destruction of plague-infected rats.

P. A. Surg. John McMullen reports, December 27, 1902, as follows: During the week ended December 20, 1902, 12 vessels were inspected, 86 steerage passengers and 586 crews were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 752 pieces of baggage were disinfected. One case of plague and 1 of smallpox (Chinese) occurred during the week, both of which ended fatally. Two cases of diphtheria and 1 of puerperal fever were the other communicable diseases reported for the week.

A large number of rats are killed each week under the direction of the local health authorities, and, according to the medical officer of health, about 7 per cent of these are plague infected. All rats brought to the authorities are carefully examined by the city bacteriologist.

The medical officer of health informs me that formerly these rats were caught and brought in by anyone, but this has been discontinued, for the reason that about 75 per cent of the Chinese engaged in this work died of plague. The city now has a regular force of rat catchers who have been immunized with Haffkine serum and no deaths have occurred from plague among these.

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